In Memoriam

The Rev. James Boyd Prentice Bulloch M.A., B.D., Ph.D., D.D., F.S.A.Scot. Chaplain to the Queen

By the death, on 13 April 1981, of the Rev. Dr James Bulloch, the cause of Church History in Scotland, and the Scottish Church History Society in particular, has lost a most distinguished scholar. James Bulloch was President of the Society from 1956 until 1959 and for many years had been a very active member. The range of his scholarship has been immense. His Ph.D. thesis covered medieval subjects and he gave papers to the Society on Saint Waltheof, Adam Scot the third Abbot of Dryburgh and Aelred. There were also papers on Iona and the Crutched Friars.

But in recent years he turned his mind to more modern times. Called to expand a manuscript of the late Dr A. L. Drummond of Alva, he produced three volumes which were urgently required on nineteenth-century Scottish history — The Scottish Church 1688-1843, The Church in Victorian Scotland 1843-1874 and The Church in Late Victorian Scotland 1874-1900. And beside all this he was very well informed on the intervening period, especially the seventeenth century.

Dr Bulloch was born in Northern Ireland and educated in Glasgow. After graduation at Glasgow University and an assistantship at Glasgow Cathedral, he was inducted to Tranent in 1942 and then to the ancient and historic parish of Stobo and Drumelzier in 1953. In 1977, in spite of having had to struggle against increasing physical disability he took on the additional responsibility of Broughton, Glenholm and Kilbucho with Skirling and ministered faithfully in the vast area covered by these parishes until his retirement in 1980.

He was a model parish minister and the wonder is that he was able, in addition, to do so much historical research and produce such worthy publications. In the discussions at meetings of the Society he was always able to contribute helpfully and he was much beloved by a large circle of friends who enjoyed his perceptive, trenchant and pawky comments out of his vast experience.

All rejoiced when the University of Glasgow honoured him with a Doctorate of Divinity and the Queen appointed him one of her Chaplains.

